

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shigeyuki YORIGAMI et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1762A  
Filed January 5, 2004 :  
AUTOMATIC LEVEL-CONTROL FLOATING APPARATUS :  
THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows: